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FUNDS FOR PANCHAYATI RAJ
ANANT GANGARAM GEETE

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the full amount of grant provided to Panchayati Raj institutions of various States, particularly to Maharashtra has not been released;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government propose to fix any time limit for releasing the full amount; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance

(SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The total grant recommended by the Tenth Finance Commission (TFC)to the Panchayati Raj Institutions in Maharashtra is Rs. 347.01 crores. The amount released so far is Rs.216.88 crores. The balance has not been released because the State Government of Maharashtra have not given details of utilisation of the grants released earlier and have not fulfilled the guidelines prescribed for the purpose.

(c)&(d) : The TFC period is upto 31st March, 2000 only.